REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No.5,529,404 ("Robinson et al."). However, the Examiner indicated that Claims 3-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of the allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of previous Claims 1-3. Therefore,

amended Claim 1 is now in a condition for allowance. Claims 4-7 were rewritten to depend on
the amended Claim 1.

The Patent & Trademark Office is authorized to charge any fees required for the entry of this Amendment, including fees for an extension of time, and any further fees that are properly assessable in this case, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500675, Order No. 051319/0052. In the event that an extension of time is needed for entry of this Amendment that is not otherwise provided for, such extension of time is hereby respectfully requested.

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